



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLANS FOR
THE PLACERITA CANYON BRAILLE TRAIL PROJECT
AND LOS AMIGOS GOLF COURSE TEE RENOVATION PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 4 AND 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting the Board's approval on the Youth Employment Plans for the Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project and the Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project, pursuant to the requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed approval of the Youth Employment Plans not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Approve and adopt the Youth Employment Plans for the Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project and the Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Pursuant to the requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A), all projects funded by Proposition A must have a Youth Employment Plan adopted by the governing body of the grantee at a duly-noticed public meeting. The recommended actions will fulfill the grant requirements of Proposition A for the Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project and the Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project, which were approved by the Board on July 19 and September 2,

2014, respectively.

Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project

The Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project is located at Placerita Canyon Natural Area and Nature Center at 19152 Placerita Canyon Road in Newhall. The scope of work will consist of developing one-eighth of the Heritage trail into a Braille Trail by installing concrete curb guides along the entire length, relocating the trail entrance area, creating Braille and high-contrast interpretive signage, installing safety railings, and creating a panoramic relief of the natural area and a miniature sculpture of the Oak of the Golden Dream. The proposed Youth Employment Plan for the project will utilize youth workers from the Department of Parks and Recreation's (Department) Trails Maintenance section to assist with weeding, light grading, and clean-up (Attachment I).

Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project

The Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project is located at 7295 East Quill Drive in Downey. The scope of work will consist of renovating approximately six tees at Los Amigos Golf Course, which will include stripping sod, rototilling, grading, and leveling; and removing and replacing a cart path at the thirteenth tee. The proposed Youth Employment Plan for the project will utilize the Department's service agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation and Service Corps to employ At-Risk Youth to assist with weeding and brush clearing (Attachment II).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by maximizing the effectiveness of processes, structure, operations, and strong fiscal management to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total project cost for the Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project is \$99,000. The project will be partially funded with \$28,500 of County Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District. Additional funding of \$45,000 will be provided by State of California Habitat Conservation Fund and \$25,500 will be provided in Department in-kind labor.

The estimated total project cost for the Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project is \$79,000. The project will be funded with \$65,000 in County Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, and \$14,000 from the Los Amigos Golf Course Capital Improvement Trust Fund.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the recommended actions, the Department does not anticipate any additional operating costs. The Department has sufficient appropriation in its 2014-15 Operating Budget for the projects utilizing its Youth Employment Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 26, 1997, the Board required that the County adopt Youth Employment Plans for projects funded by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. Additionally, the Board established a Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for County projects. The County's obligation is \$15,739,750, which is equivalent to the fifty percent of the estimated total amount of maintenance

and servicing funds that the County is entitled to receive through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District assessment. The County's obligation has been met; however, the Department continues to actively employ youth whenever feasible.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed approval of the Youth Employment Plans is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

The Placerita Canyon Braille Trail Project was found to be categorically exempt from CEQA by the Board on July 29, 2014.

The Los Amigos Golf Course Tee Renovation Project was found to be categorically exempt from CEQA by the Board on September 2, 2014.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects or services.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (213) 637-1845 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Faith Parducho at (213) 368-5838 or fparducho@parks.lacounty.gov, Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

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Director

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

ATTACHMENT I

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PLACERITA CANYON BRAILLE TRAIL PROJECT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)

The scope of work will consist of developing one-eighth of the Heritage trail into a Braille Trail by installing concrete curb guides along the entire length, relocating the trail entrance area, creating Braille and high-contrast interpretive signage, installing safety railings, and creating a panoramic relief of the natural area and a miniature sculpture of the Oak of the Golden Dream.

Tasks that performed by At-Risk Youth

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) will employ youth to assist with weeding, light grading, and clean-up.

Estimated Cost for Youth Employment

The estimated cost for youth employment is \$500.

Method of Youth Employment

The Department will utilize youth workers from its Trails Maintenance section.

Youth Employment Goal

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met; however, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.

ATTACHMENT II

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LOS AMIGOS GOLF COURSE TEE RENOVATION PROJECT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

BACKGROUND (Scope of Work)

The scope of work will consist of renovating approximately six tees at Los Amigos Golf Course, which will include stripping sod, rototilling, grading, and leveling; and removing and replacing a cart path at the thirteenth tee.

Tasks that performed by At-Risk Youth

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) will employ youth to assist with weeding and brush clearing.

Estimated Cost for Youth Employment

The estimated cost for youth employment is \$1,200.

Method of Youth Employment

The Department will utilize its service agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Conservation and Service Corps for landscaping services to be performed by At-Risk Youth.

Youth Employment Goal

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation for the County of Los Angeles of \$15,739,750 has been met; however, the Department actively pursues employment opportunities for at-risk youth on all projects where feasible.